

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 36 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, 27, 29, 31, and 34 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 1 through 36 heretofore on file have been allowed.

Claims 32, 33, 35, and 36 have been amended to even more distinctly claim the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added.

Upon receipt of the Examiner's Amendment enclosed with the above-mentioned Notice, a review of the allowed claims identified typographical errors in the dependencies of several claims. Specifically, errors in dependencies were identified in Claims 32, 33, 35, and 36. As allowed, these claims all depend from Claim 1. (In fact, the errors in the dependencies of Claims 35 and 36 resulted in the Examiner's Amendment to the text of these claims.). This Amendment After Allowance amends Claims 32 and 33 to properly depend from Claim 31 and amends Claims 35 and 36 to properly depend from Claim 34. (Claims 35 and 36 as amended herein also deletes the text inserted by Examiner's Amendment, which is no longer necessary in view of the amendments to correct their dependencies.)

Prior to filing this Amendment After Allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney informally discussed the claim amendments with the Examiner, who indicated that such would be entered if formally presented.

This Amendment After Allowance ensures that the patent issuing herefrom will be in the best possible form. No additional claims are presented. The amendments presented herein were not previously presented, inasmuch as it was only recently recognized that the

form of the claims could be improved. Given the Examiner's familiarity with the present application, especially in view of the above-noted informal discussion, it is respectfully submitted that full consideration of this Amendment After Allowance will not require any additional search, more than a cursory review of the record, or any materially-added work, time, and effort on the part of the Office. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 714.16, pages 700-229 and 700-230 (Rev. 2, May 2004).

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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